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## Monthly Announcement - March 8, 2013

Dear Alumni,

GSU mourns the loss of its second president, Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth. Read more below.

The Alumni Association has a lot of announcements to make:

- Groundbreaking on our new student housing to take place in April
- A new Alumni Association Scholarship Honoring Rosemary Hulett
- Calendar of Events for the next few months
- Read on for more details

Make sure you participate in our drawing - we want to hear from you.

For more information, call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.4128. Feel free to visit the [alumni website](#) to view past editions of the *e-connections* newsletter and our annual print newsletter, *Alumni Connections* and to get up-to-the-minute details.

Sincerely,

Cheri Garey  
Director of Alumni Relations

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### Win a Free GSU Hat

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Send us an email and give us an update on what you've been up to. We'll put you in a drawing to win a free GSU hat. Include your name, home address, tell us where you work and what you do, and tell us about your experience at GSU. Entries must be received by **March 27**. Email

address is [alumnirelations2@govst.edu](mailto:alumnirelations2@govst.edu). Winners will be notified by March 29 and posted on the Governors State University Alumni Association Facebook page.

### Like us on Facebook

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"Like" the Governors State University Alumni Association on Facebook to receive the most up-to-date news, see pictures from current and past events, ask questions, and more.

### Alumni Volunteer Program Rebuilding Together - Saturday, April 27

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The Alumni Association is participating in *Rebuilding Together*, an organization that helps homeowners (most often seniors) make needed repairs to their homes when they are unable to do so themselves. We are seeking alumni volunteers to help with this all day project on April 27. We will be remodeling a home in Harvey. Experience is not necessary but is a plus. Must be 18 or older. Participants will receive a *Rebuilding Together* T-shirt. Lunch will be provided. \$25 per person donation is required (\$15 if you are a Premium Alumni Association member). If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.7892.

### Upcoming Alumni Events - Save the Dates

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Save the dates now for upcoming Alumni Association Events.

**Saturday, April 6 - Addiction Studies Alumni Club workshop.** 9 to noon. \$15 per person. CEU credits will be available.

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**Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19. Six Flags Great America discounted tickets.** Tickets will be available online only beginning in March for \$28 per person (plus a \$6.99 per order service charge). Visit our website next month for the special order code for this awesome price.

**Saturday, May 18, GSU Alumni Night at the Races,** 6 p.m. to closing at Balmoral Race Track - \$40 per person (\$35 for Premium Alumni Members). Includes parking, admission, buffet dinner, soft drinks and coffee, program, and \$15 donation to the Alumni Association Scholarship, door prizes, group photo (to the first 25 participants) and silent auction.

**Saturday, June 22, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk for Rich Township Food Pantry** -Free event. Ride the bus from the pantry downtown and participate in the Hunger Walk. Rich Township Food Pantry benefits with each participant.

**Saturday, September 14 - Addiction Studies Alumni Club second annual Recovery Walk.** 8 to noon at GSU.

**Sunday, September 15 - Annual Golf Outing**

More detailed information can be found at our website. Reservations can be made online at [www.govst.edu/alumni](http://www.govst.edu/alumni) or call the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.7892.

### **Announcing New Alumni Association Scholarship Honoring Rosemary Hulett**

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After 16 year of dedication to the Alumni Association, Rosemary Hulett retired as Associate Vice President of Advancement and Alumni Relations. The Association was Rosemary's passion.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors unanimously voted to create this new scholarship. Board President, Sandra Brunson said "Rosemary filled many hats at GSU over the years, and we felt this new scholarship to assist GSU's students would be a fitting legacy."

If you would like to help us build this endowed scholarship and honor Rosemary, you can make a donation by calling

the Alumni Relations Office at 708.534.7892 or visit [www.govst.edu/alumni](http://www.govst.edu/alumni) for a donation form.

### **Former GSU President Dies**

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Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth II, second president of GSU, died January 20, at his home in LaQuinta, California. He was 88. Dr. Goodman-Malamuth served as GSU's president between October, 1977 and July, 1992.

During his 15 years as GSU president, Dr. Goodman-Malamuth was instrumental in revising its curriculum, redesigning its colleges, and developing a new student grading system. Dr. Goodman-Malamuth reorganized the university's administration, establishing the first office of Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs.

"Dr. Goodman-Malamuth strengthened GSU's role as a Public Square," said President Elaine P. Maimon. "He sustained GSU's founding principle of innovation, while imposing necessary constraints and developing sound educational practices."

Dr. Goodman-Malamuth was an early supporter of GSU's Center for Performing Arts, a cultural jewel in the Chicago Southland. He commissioned several works of art for the nationally-renowned Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. He helped establish the GSU Foundation, the university's fundraising arm. Dr. Goodman-Malamuth expanded GSU's use of communications technology, especially through the use of telecourses that were transmitted all around the United States.

"He was the president who took the most steps to move GSU into the mainstream of higher education," said Dr. David Curtis, former university provost, who worked as an administrator with Dr. Goodman-Malamuth for many years. "When he arrived on campus, he saw that changes were needed." It took a few years until all the changes were in effect, Curtis said, but Dr. Goodman-Malamuth was a "constant presence," who made sure GSU was headed in the right direction.

"I felt that here was a place that had a tremendously bright future," Dr. Goodman-Malamuth said about GSU in 1991.

"I decided to come here to see if I couldn't in some way

help move (GSU) along with the faculty and staff ... to help the university attain some of its aspirations.”

In 2009, Dr. Goodman-Malamuth returned to GSU for the university’s 40th anniversary celebration, taking part in a panel discussion on the university’s past and future.

Pay tribute to Dr. Goodman-Malamuth by making a charitable donation to the Dr. Leo Goodman-Malamuth Endowed Scholarship. [Donate Now](#) (indicate Goodman scholarship) or call the Alumni Office at 708.534.7892.

### **Celebrating Women's History Month**

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**Join us at one of these free events:**

- **Open Class: Ways of Making: Digital Art** Friday, March 15; 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.; E1581 (Art Gallery near E-Lounge)  
RSVP Professor Jeff Stevenson [jstevenson@govst.edu](mailto:jstevenson@govst.edu)

Women artists have historically been kept out of the art domain. This class will visit the art gallery exhibition "Ways of Making: Digital Art" which features three professional contemporary artists who also happen to be women. This class seeks to expose stereotypical thinking about what art made by women looks like and to do so by also exploring the significant art historical moments where art by women has taken center stage against all odds.

- **International Coffee Hour: Women and Innovation in a Global Society**  
Tuesday, March 26; 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Engbretson Hall  
Sponsored by Student Life, the Office of International Services, and the International Cultural Organization
- **Celebrating Women Veterans**  
Thursday, March 28; 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Student Commons (A2132)  
Sponsored by the Office of the Coordinator for Veterans and Military Affairs, Student Senate and Student Veterans Association (SVA)

### **Veteran's Writing Group Forming**

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Veterans are invited to join a new Veterans Writing Group, where they will discover or re-discover the craft of narrative writing in a small, supportive group environment. Veterans will enhance and learn new skills and share camaraderie with other vets in a six-week workshop. Groups are forming now.

"Narrative writing helps veterans bridge the cultural divide between their military and civilian life," explains Robin Thompson, University Lecturer and Coordinator of the

program. Their stories are important and may one day become a valuable family heirloom or community resource - everyone benefits."

There is no charge for participation in the Veterans Writing Group. To register, contact [Thompson](#) at 708.534.4581.

### **Spring Knowledge Exchange Classes**

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The Knowledge Exchange, a program from the School of Extended Learning at GSU, is a continuation of the former Adult Learning Exchange (T.A.L.E.) with the same focus – to continue to offer unique and diverse non-credited courses at a reasonable price (\$73 per class, \$28 for an additional class). Classes are designed for participants aged 55 years and over and provide a relaxed and friendly environment, open to shared learning, and the exchange of opinions and ideas. Classes are peer-led by a community of dedicated volunteers, including GSU faculty and many former Exchange students.

Registration for spring classes is under way. Classes begin on April 5, and are held Fridays, from 10 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 3 p.m., through May 24.

Class offerings include:

- History classes focusing on the Civil War and the history and culture of Native North America
- Cinema Studies course based around globally and socially relevant documentaries
- Play readings in which participants read roles aloud

and discuss aspects of the works.

- Class utilizing film and readings in “Achieving Wholeness and Wellness through a Study of Carl Jung.”

Call Suzanne Patterson at 708.534.4393 for more information or to register.

### **GSU's Day of Play For the Whole Family - Saturday, March 23**

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GSU's *Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park* and *The Center for Performing Arts* have teamed up to create a fun day for the whole family

FREE pre-show 'Story Time' with Storyteller, Lynne Clayton!

Hear fables, fairytales and fantasies from Aesop at 10 a.m. in Engbretson Hall.

Then see Aesop's Dinosaur Fables at the CPA beginning 11 a.m. This spirited musical featuring the frolicking action of nine-foot-tall dinosaur puppets and wee TryANTasaurus teaches children the central lesson, "It's better to prepare today for tomorrow." Purchase theater tickets at [CenterTickets.net](http://CenterTickets.net)

Stay for SCULPTURE ROCKS! at 2 p.m. Calling all artists, young and old, to share their artistic abilities. Make your own sculpture with wood, pegboard, Carrara marble, wire, cardboard, dowels, and markers. We supply the materials and some inspiration, and you do the rest. Limited to 50 children. \$5 for materials. RSVP at 708.534.3084.

### **Ring, Ring - It's the GSU Annual Fund Calling**

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You may be receiving a call from one of our students asking for your support of the GSU Annual Fund. Each year a team of students call our alumni. Here are answers to the top three questions these students are asked:

- *WHAT IS THE ANNUAL FUND?* The Annual Fund is the university's general fund that supports the



many campus services that broaden academic experiences and enrich campus life.

- *WHY SHOULD I MAKE A GIFT?* Your gift allows the next generation of students to benefit from the same great education you received. State support is dwindling annually. Private support is essential to keep tuition and fees affordable for every qualified student.
- *WHY IS MY PARTICIPATION IMPORTANT?* Every gift makes a difference. Grant funders often look at the participation level of alumni to gauge the effectiveness of, and satisfaction with, a GSU education.

Gifts to the GSU Annual Fund, no matter the size, are put to immediate use to help meet current campus priorities. So when a student calls, please make a gift. Gifts are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. You can also make a gift today online at [www.govst.edu/donate](http://www.govst.edu/donate).

### **GSU Visual Art Gallery - Ways of Making: Digital Art**

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The Visual Arts Gallery is presenting “Ways of Making: Digital Art,” featuring the work of artists Kate Friedman, Kate Ingold, and Anne Hayden Stevens, through March 27. A closing reception celebrating the exhibition will be held on Wednesday, March 27, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The exhibit and the reception are free and open to the public.

The Visual Arts Gallery hours during the Spring, 2013 semester are Monday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday, from 9 to 7 p.m.; and Friday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call 708.534.4021 or visit [www.govst.edu/gallery](http://www.govst.edu/gallery).

### **GSU Hosts Congressional Forum to Packed Audience**

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GSU affirmed its position as an important public square at a Second Congressional District Candidate Forum on February 7. Despite less-than-ideal weather conditions, the forum, in GSU's Center for Performing Arts, drew a large audience of area residents and GSU students and staff.

Twelve candidates for the vacant Second Congressional District seat - 10 Democrats and two Republican - attended the forum. Mike Flannery, political editor of WFLD Fox 32, did an exemplary job of asking questions, and making sure that every candidate had enough time to air their positions. A number of key issues were discussed, including the economy, health care, the environment, guns, immigration, ethics, the war in Afghanistan, spending cuts, and violence on our streets.

### **GSU Takes National Spotlight in AAC&U News**

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"Wind Waves," a 2010 work by Mexican artist Yvonne Domenge, is the latest addition to the permanent collection at Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP).

The 10-foot diameter steel sculpture joins 27 masterworks by some of the world's greatest artists, presented amid a breathtaking prairie landscape at Governors State University's main campus in University Park. [Read More Here](#)

The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park is free of charge and open from dawn to dusk 365 days a year. For more information about the sculpture park, visit [www.govst.edu/sculpture](http://www.govst.edu/sculpture) or call (708) 534-4486.

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